

Essex Conservation Commission

May 12, 1992

Present: Canan Hewson, Chairman; David Folsom; Arthur Hodges; Alan McCoy; Sheldon Pennoyer; Edwin Perkins.

Meeting called to order at 7:50 p.m.

Richard and Patricia Pierrot met with the Board for a building permit application review for Lot 3, Pine Ridge subdivision. The Board reviewed the application and plans and found the project would not be in violation of the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40. Building Inspector Richard Carter will be so notified.

A continuation of a public hearing was held at 8:00 p.m. on a Notice of Intent filed by Gloucester Bank and Trust covering construction of a portion of a residential structure, driveway and regrading within the buffer zone on property located at the corner of Western Avenue and Essex Park Road. Engineer Clay Morin represented the bank.

The Board reviewed the soils map. It was found that the soil for this area was not recommended for septic systems. Morin said, "Botanist Paul Sommers is putting together a report. I expected it to be ready for this evening, but it isn't. I am asking to continue the hearing until the next meeting." Albert Preston, 115 Western Avenue, said, "I cannot see the feasibility of putting in a house and septic system on property that drops 10-12 feet. I have seen water come half way up the property. If that is the law, 100 feet from the bordering vegetated wetland, then I would like to see the Conservation Commission enforce it. In that stretch, I don't believe a house should be there." George Bragdon, Apple Street, urged that a site visit be taken, because he knows in the spring that it floods. The Board told him that they had already viewed the property. Preston said, "The septic system for the house on the adjoining property is up at the front of the property. They did not dig a ten foot hole, it was a two foot hole, because at the ten foot level it was running water." David Elwell produced photographs showing the property during the 1987 flood, which he said "was considered a 100 year storm and the field was pretty well covered."

Perkins moved to continue the public hearing to June 2, 1992,

at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Hodges, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

The Board was informed that the contractor for Leslie Moore, Low's Island, was starting to work again. He is putting a siltation fence around the construction work. Joseph Ginn was the Board's representative for the project last year, but as he is no longer a member, Perkins will be the representative.

John Coughlin, Quinn Bros, Western Avenue, met with the Board. Hewson said she had received telephone calls about work that Coughlin was doing behind Misty Acres Restaurant and went to speak with him. She found a drainage ditch draining into wetlands, and asked that he meet with the Board to explain what he was doing. Coughlin said he had purchased parcel A consisting of 2.12 acres from Misty Acres to annex it to the land he presently owns in order to extend the parking lot. Coughlin then provided photographs showing the extent of the work. He said he checked with the building inspector and felt they were not violating any regulations because they were well away from the buffer zone. Hewson felt if the parking extension was not topped then it would run into the wetlands. Coughlin said his engineer, C.T. Male, also agreed that if not topped everything would grade to the wetlands and runoff would flow there. Larry Graham of C.T. Male suggested that a catch basin with a grease trap be installed so that runoff will drain into it. He also felt that no paving should be done until the catch basin is in place. It was noted that the work to be done is out of the buffer zone. Coughlin said at this moment he did not know whether he would be paving the area. Perkins said he felt curbs on the edge of the parking extension should be put in place.

Hodges said he had received a telephone call from Francis Poole of Harlow Street regarding work that is going on behind the vegetable stand formerly owned by Dan Bennett, on the corner of Eastern Avenue and Harlow Street. Board member Sheldon Pennoyer said he would check on it.

The Essex Department of Public Works requested that a Certificate of Compliance be issued for the culvert project on Essex Park Road.

Perkins moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance to the Department of Public Works for the culvert installed on Essex Park Road, seconded by Pennoyer, with the Board voting

unanimously in favor.

A letter was received from the Essex County Greenbelt Association, 82 Eastern Avenue, regarding maintenance of the driveway which crosses a causeway across the marsh. They will be filling pot-holes and regrading. Hodges abstained from any discussion because of a conflict. The Board felt this work would fall under 310 CMR 10.53.3(f).

A Request for a Determination of Applicability was heard at at 9:15 p.m. made by Sharon Defty-Barry covering construction of a concrete pad for stairs support and installation of three footings for porch at Lot 10, Hardy Lane. Engineer Clay Morin represented Defty-Barry. Morin told the Board that there is an existing structure and Defty-Barry wants to add a new deck and a staircase. A footing is necessary for the stairs, 18" wide and 1'-1 1/2' deep. Three additional sono tubes will be needed for the porch support. Work is 37' from the marsh. Everything will be hand dug. The Board reviewed the plans.


Folsom moved to issue a negative Determination of Applicability for Sharon Defty-Barry, Lot 10, Hardy Lane, for construction of a concrete pad and installation of three sono tubes, seconded by Hodges, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

The Board reviewed the Abbreviated Notice of Intent filed by Francis I. Gentleman covering an addition to the living room and a deck at 9E Gregory Island Road. A public hearing was scheduled for June 2, 1992, at 8:30 p.m.

Hodges moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Perkins, with the Board voting unanimously in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Attest:

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A G E N D A

Appointments:

- 7:50 p.m. ... Richard and Patricia Pierrot -
Building permit review - Lot 3,
Pine Ridge subdivision
- 8:00 p.m. ... Continuation of public hearing -
Gloucester Bank and Trust - property
at corner of Western Avenue and Essex
Park Road
- 8:45 p.m. ... Continuation of public hearing -
Lansing Banks - property at 143
Eastern Avenue
- 9:15 p.m. ... Request for a Determination of
Applicability - Sharon Defty Barry -
property on Hardy Lane

Business:

Sign bills payable voucher

Sign Determination of Applicability for Thomas Weinburg

Sign Determination of Applicability for Sharon Barry

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